

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, second full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

The bracket 14 is formed with a ratchet gear 17 which is fan-shaped about the pivot 15, and a flat face 18 connected to one end of the ratchet gear 17. A ratchet pole 19 is turnably attached to the lever body 12 through a support shaft 20 and has, at one end, a claw 19a capable of being sequentially brought into engagement with the flat face 18 and the ratchet gear 17. The claw ~~18a-19a~~ is adapted to be brought into engagement with the flat face 18 in the releasing position of the control lever 10 and with any point of the ratchet gear ~~18-17~~ in the operating position B.

Page 9, fourth paragraph (spanning pages 9 and 10), delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

A releasing knob 25 of a grip 13 of a control lever 10 is mounted in a recess 11 of a console box 2 for movement either toward or away from a bottom of the recess 11. Namely, the releasing knob 25 is disposed on a front surface of the grip 13 opposed to a bottom surface of the recess 11. The releasing knob 25 and a flange 21a of a connecting rod 21 are integrally formed with an urging element 31 and a receiving element 32 having slants 31a and 32a slidably abutting against each other, respectively. The remainder of the third embodiment is the same as in the first embodiment and hence, portions or components corresponding to those in the first embodiment are designated by like reference characters in FIG. 9 and the description of them is omitted.

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Page 10, sixth paragraph (spanning pages 10 and 11), delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:

In a fifth embodiment of the present invention shown in FIG. 11, a notched recess 11 for accommodation of a grip 13 in a releasing position A of a control lever 10 is defined in an upper edge of a center console 33 of an automobile adjacent a driver's seat, and a releasing knob 25 is disposed on a side face of the grip 13 facing an opened side face of the recess 11.